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This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated September 19, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

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Please amend the application as follows.